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Bitter Reaction as Trump Bails on Climate Accord

257 U.S. Mayors Beg to Differ

By Randy Rodgers
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Some of the 257 U.S. mayors, members of the Mayors National Climate Action Agenda, who recently released an open letter to President Trump to oppose his actions thus far against climate action.

The sustainability community erupted with nearly universal dismay, outrage and resolve in the face of President Donald Trump's

decision to pull the United States out of the Paris climate agreement

promise, pitting his administration against the 71 percent of U.S. citizens who believe climate change is a clear and present danger, and joining only the countries of Syria and Nicaragua in defiance of the accord, which was signed by nearly 200 nations.

The administration's official website at WhiteHouse.gov claims the Paris deal "created a taxpayer funded U.N. climate slush fund," an idea made popular by conspiracy theorists who believe the United Nations' effort to combat climate change is a veiled attempt to erode American sovereignty. Citing disputed facts about the cost in jobs and the "negligible" environmental benefits of the pact, Trump said the Paris Accord was "negotiated badly" by the Obama administration and imposed unrealistic carbon reductions on the U.S. "while giving countries like China a free pass for years to come."

In justifying his decision, Trump famously said, "I was elected to represent the citizens of Pittsburgh, not Paris." That statement ignored two important facts: 1) In the 2016 presidential election, Hillary Clinton won 75 percent of the vote in the city of Pittsburgh; and 2) Pittsburgh and Paris are actually on the same planet, which is really what the Paris Accord was all about.

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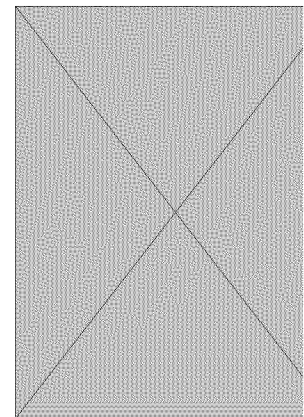
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This course will be presented in three 2-hour sessions held on consecutive days, July 11-13. (Group rates available on the registrations page.)

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